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SUBJECT: OASGA: PANAMA AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. WE BELIEVE THAT PANAMA WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, AND, IN
GENERAL, THE HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE HEMISPHERE.
TORRIJOS OBVIOUSLY FEELS MUCH CLOSER POLITICALLY TO
COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA AND COSTA RICA THAN TO THE LIKES
OF NICARAGUA AND THE SOUTHERN CONE COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION,

WITH THE RECENT LIBERALIZATION OF PARTY
ACTIVITIES, GREATER FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, PERMITTING
THE RETURN OF EXILES, AND AN ELECTION IN THE OFFING,
THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS AN IMPROVING RECORD ON
HUMAN AND POLITICAL RIGHTS. IT IS LIKELY TO SEEK
TO EXPLOIT THAT IMPROVED RECORD.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF PANAMA ITSELF SHOULD BECOME
A TARGET OF HUMAN RIGHTS CRITICS, THE WORM COULD
TURN, OF COURSE.

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